REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the present Amendment are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended to obviate the objections raised by the Examiner in Section 1 of the Office Action.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Takahashi Patent 1, 283,963 is respectfully traversed. Applicant submits that the lens attachment, shade, and cover apparatus (which is the shade) do not anticipate the apparatus recited in these claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has either misinterpreted or mischaracterized the disclosure of Takahashi. Element 22 is not a lens housing, as contended by the Examiner. It is, rather, an "annular flanged edge 22" of an annular cover plate 21. (See Patent, page 1, lines 79 et seq.) purpose of the flanged edge 22 is to enable the plate 21 to clasp around the rib 19 in the closed position. The purpose of the combination is to hold the ray filter 20 against the outer face of the adjusting ring when the cover plate is engaged at the rib 19 in the closed position. Applicant submits that the cover member 10 is not for the purpose of supporting additional components but instead is a lens shielding disk 10 (page 1, line 43). When closed, the disk 10 prevents entrance of dust, dirt, moisture and the like (page 1, lines 59-63). While the disk 10 is said to intercept glaring light reflections and the like, that is merely incidental to the primary purpose of protecting cylindrical holder 13 and the filtering disk 20 therein when in the closed position.

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Specifically, applicant submits that the element 22 is not the lens housing claimed in Claims 1 and 4. Thus, it is clear that Takahashi does not anticipate these claims and they are therefore allowable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Takahashi and Choate Patent 3,840,883. As discussed above, Takahashi fails as the principal reference which is said to anticipate the invention of Claims 1 and 4. The addition of Choate does not meet the deficiencies pointed out with respect to the Takahashi patent; Choate only teaches a lens cover with a threaded adapter ring wherein the cover member is rotatable about the lens axis. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are therefore submitted to be allowable over the cited combination.

The rejection of Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable with Takahashi in view of the Tiffen Patent 5,040,011 is also respectfully traversed. As pointed out above, Takahashi fails as an affective primary reference; Tiffen is only cited for teaching two locking notches on the periphery of the frame element of the camera attachment. The combination of Tiffen with Takahashi therefore fails to render the Claim 7 obvious and Claim 7 is submitted to be allowable.

The rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi in view of MacKay Patent 5,208,624 and the rejection of Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable with Takahashi in view of Loranger et al. Patent 4,122,470 are also respectfully traversed. None of these patents supplies the deficiencies noted in Takahashi and the combinations failed to render these claims obvious. Claims 8-10 are allowable.

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